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Jim Irwin-Smith

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?

Dr. Seuss

Thursday, June 9th, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

at the Wasaga Stars Arena

Our Speaker and Topic Guest Speaker



**Peter Miller
Agripharm**

**Will discuss:
"Medical Cannabis"**

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. meet someone new and enjoy coffee with your friends



SOCIAL EVENTS

JUNE



WHAT: Mini Putt Golf and lunch

WHERE: Georgian Resort in Collingwood

WHEN: June 21st, 2016 at 10 am

COST: \$30

See Social Committee

JULY



WHAT: Mama Mia

WHERE: Kings Wharf

WHEN: July 19, 2016

COST: **SOLD OUT**

See Social Committee

AUGUST



WHAT: Wine Tour and Tasting

WHERE: Georgian Hills Winery

WHEN: August 17 @ 11:00

COST: \$15.00

See Social Committee



The President's Corner

Hard to believe it is June and 2016 is half over. This month we celebrate Father's Day. Like so many of you I am a father and grandfather. Although family life can at times be stressful as I look back there have been so many wonderful family memories. I had a dad who lived through depression, was a soldier in the second world war and not only was a provider but also a great role model for my sisters and myself. Having turned 75 last month I was reminded that as I am on the short end of life.

I should make a list of where, what and who of my life documents for my next of kin. My lawyer, power of attorney, will, birth certificate, marriage certificate, citizen papers, social insurance number, health card number, bank accounts, safety box, investments, pension information, health insurance, home ownership, credit cards and numbers, vehicle ownership, jewelry/valuables, funeral arrangements, cemetery plot, and organ donation.

If you have not done so, do consider doing.

We need you to help keep our wonderful men's club alive in Wasaga Beach. Merrill is actively putting together next year's team. Your life skills and work experience would be a great asset to our club. New team players with new ideas are always needed. Nothing stays the same in life. Change is the common factor in all our lives. So do step forward and make a contribution and a difference to our club.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

			
<p>March 31, 2016 Bank Balance: \$1622.10.</p> <p>Social Committee: \$591.60</p> <p>Uncommitted Net Balance: \$334.50</p> <p>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</p> <p>(Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p>Attendance: 62</p> <p>% of total membership: 54%</p> <p>Current Membership: 114</p> <p>Life Members: 2</p> <p>Members' Guests: 2</p> <p>Greg Paupst was pinned</p>	<p>One errant member was badgeless and \$1.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Finemaster Fred Humphries</p>	<p>1st Prize - \$50.00 Rolf Almeda</p> <p>2nd Prize - \$17 Keith Hennick</p> <p>Theatre Tickets Peter Grell Ray McMaster</p>
 <h3>June's Birthdays</h3>  <p>Al Chambers, George Evenden, Robert Gouett, Peter Grell, Jim Irwin-Smith, Jim Kirkwood, John Kleimanis, Bob McColl</p> <p><i>Many Happy Returns to all of you!</i></p>  			

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



JULY

Marion Ritchie
Alzheimer's Advocate

AUGUST

Joanne Tackaberry & Brendon Weiss
Wasaga Distribution

SEPTEMBER

TBA

MAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Adrian Mohammed
Biosolids Recycling Technician
Halton Region

For all the members who were unable to attend our May meeting, guest speaker **Adrian Mohammed Adrian Mohammed** who presented on the topic of biosolids with particular reference to the program at Halton Region. Adrian is a Biosolids Recycling Technician with Halton Region a position he has held since 2001. He also has a 50 acre farm in Flamborough north of Hamilton where he produces maple syrup and raises market lambs. This gives him a unique perspective on the importance of the application of biosolids to farm land.

Biosolids are an organic byproduct of wastewater. They are a valuable source of nitrogen, phosphorus, micronutrients and organic matter for crop production. Land application which is the traditional method of biosolid application to farmland promotes organic recycling, provides an alternative fertilizer for crop production, enhances soil quality and is environmentally sound and scientifically supported. It's also free!!

Since the biosolids program was introduced in Halton over 30 years ago it has produced over 130000 cubic meters of liquid biosolids and 20,000 tons of dewatered or "caked" biosolids from its 7 wastewater treatment plants. Application of this material is rigidly controlled under legislation administered by the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture and Food.

Since available farmland is currently at a premium in Halton, Regional Council has been exploring the feasibility of shifting biosolids production to a compost product which appears to be the way of the future in the GTA.

If you have any questions about biosolids then "Google" www.biosolidsrecyclingprogram-frequentlyaskedquestions-HaltonRegion.

THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

June 21st – Mini Putt Golf and lunch at the Georgian Resort in Collingwood. Cost is \$30 for golf and lunch, taxes and gratuities included. Meet at 10 a.m.

July 19th - Mama Mia at the Kings Wharf at 2 p.m. \$40 per person. Only 24 tickets available. **Sold out**

August 17th— Georgian Hills Winery Tour and Tasting at 11:00 am Cost \$15.00

PAYMENT FOR EVENTS: Cheques only, no cash and no post-dated cheques please.

Thank you Social Team for doing such a great job of keeping us on the go!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As per the Treasurer's Report dated April, 2016 the reported Bank Balance was \$1864.20 with a Social Committee Balance of \$595.27 and a Social Fund Reserve of \$500.00 and an Uncommitted Net Balance of \$572.93 This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the June 9th General Meeting.

WASAGA'S FINIST CITIZEN'S

"On May 14th, at Wasaga's Finest Citizens Awards celebration, these three PROBUS Members received Certificates of Appreciation for their volunteer contribution to our community from; our Club, the Town of Wasaga Beach and Provincial/Federal governments.

Gord was honoured by our Club for his dedication to greeting all of us with a smile as we arrive at our monthly meeting for more than ten years (and making sure we are fined appropriately if not wearing our name badges). Tom, our Chief Organizer of R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfasts, or is that Chief ROMEO who organizes our monthly breakfasts on Fridays following our monthly meeting? Last but not least, there's Bob Wheeler who for several years has been emptying our pockets of hard-earned change to purchase 50/50 tickets to help beef up our Club bank account.

Congratulations to all three of these great guys!"

Gentlemen, thank you for the nomination to receive a Volunteer Recognition award at the ceremony at the Replex this past Saturday. It is certainly an honour and extremely uplifting to be recognized by one's peers. I want to express my appreciation to you all - **THANK YOU!**

Best Regards
Tom Parkes



from left to right; PROBUS Club President Russ White, our Volunteers; Gord Gregory, Tom Parkes and Bob Wheeler, accompanied by Mayor, Brian Smith

BABY PHOTO CONTEST

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS?



Clues:

◆ He was born in the second most beautiful country in the world (depending on how biased you may be)

◆ He has the sense to manage cents, 'cos the \$'s manage themselves

◆ He applies common sense even when and where it ain't so common anymore

- ◆ He has a wry (or, is that, rye?) sense of humour
- ◆ Displays a willingness to help make our Club a success

If you have a baby picture that you would like to submit please send it as a jpg file to jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com

OUR PHOTOS/OUR MEMBERS



Guest speaker for our May meeting Adrian Mohammed

No one bought a brand new car but a great time was had by all at the Honda Plant Tour on May 3

On May 17 our members visited the Dickey Bee Honey Tour.



Not only was the cost a sweet deal but the all came home with a free jar of honey and a new respect for the honey bee.



CLUB NOTICE

15 years of Membership

As you know over the last few years we have been giving out pins and certificates for those members that have reached 15 years of membership in the Probus Club of Wasaga Beach. We will still present a certificate acknowledging 15 years of service and those who wish a pin will be able to purchase one at a cost of \$6.00

IDENTITY THEFT

COULD IT HAPPEN TO YOU? What is identity theft?

Basically it is when someone steals your identity without your knowledge and then uses your personal information to commit a crime. This can be accomplished when someone uses your name, your Social Insurance Number (SIN), your credit card number or any other piece of personal information, without your consent.

When someone uses any of your personal information (SIN number, name, credit information, personal information) for their benefit, it's a crime; plain and simple.

SIGNS:

Have you already been a victim of identity theft?

Some indicators that suggest your identity may have already been compromised are:

- You receive credit card statements or other bills in your name, which you did not apply for
- You receive information that you have been approved or declined for a credit service you did not apply for.
- A collection agency informs you that you are in arrears for an account you never opened.

I will continue with part 2 of this article (Identity Theft: What To Do) in our next months newsletter. If you can't wait because you answered "YES" to the above question then call the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or visit their web site at www.opp.ca